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I am emailing you today to lend my support for the MLPA package 2, and voice my concerns over the "compromise" package S. It is crucial that we lay down protections for the length of coast in Monterey that contain some the most popular recreation dive sites in California. I am an active diver in the community and dive quite regularly at a variety of spots. I can honestly say that sites found in the Lobos underwater reserve, or sites only accessible by long boat rides, have vastly more healthy fish populations than the more popular shore dives in Monterey. It is quite rare to see large fish of any species in these areas right now, and I think that's a shame. This is why I urge you to support the implementation of Package 2, to ensure that every day that goes by the underwater environment off the coast of Monterey would be getting healthier and healthier, as opposed to more and more stripped of life. There's nothing more exciting than having a huge healthy fish glare at you unconcernedly because he knows he's the king of this particular jungle. Unfortunately even as often as I dive I've only seen truly large fish on a number of occasions. That's not natural. So please lend your Support for Package 2 and also the revision of any other plan being considered to disallow any contests involving the killing of fish in our waters. These contests go against any sort of "nobility" of hunting by encouraging the massive killing of as many fish as possible to earn points, not dinner. As a diver and underwater photographer I find that very offensive and greedy.

Thank you,

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